

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, IT

SUBJECT: PORTOFOLIO CONSTRAINT NOT YET RENEWED FOR  
SECOND HALF 1978

REF: 77 ROME 11476

1. NOTWITHSTANDING ITALIAN PRESS REPORTS TO THE  
CONTRARY, THE COMMERCIAL BANKS' COMPULSORY INVESTMENT  
REQUIREMENT IN LONG-TERM SECURITIES HAS NOT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY  
RENEWED FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 1978. THE MEASURE  
FORMALLY EXPIRED AT THE END OF JUNE.

2. ALTHOUGH BANK OF ITALY GOVERNOR BAFFI FAVORS,  
IN PRINCIPLE, ABOLISHING THE CONSTRAINT, IT IS  
CONSIDERED UNLIKELY THAT HE WILL SUCCEED IN HAVING  
IT DROPPED. THE CONSTRAINT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE  
1973 IN ORDER TO ASSURE FLOW OF SAVINGS INTO LONGER-  
TERM ASSETS DURING RELATIVELY RAPID INFLATION. IT  
IS EXPECTED THEREFORE THAT THE CONSTRAINT WILL  
EVENTUALLY BE OFFICIALLY EXTENDED. GARDNER  
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## Message Attributes

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